

EXHIBIT B

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Raymond G. Gallagher : PATENT APPLICATION
Serial No. 09/399,545 : Group Art Unit: 3621
Filed: September 20, 1999 : Examiner: unassigned
For: SPACER FRAME FOR AN INSULATING : Atty. Docket No. 1185R1
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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

COME NOW your petitioner, the applicant, by their attorney representing as follows:

That on September 20, 1999, a reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 5,813,191 was filed having all parts (including new Claims 35-55) except Claims 1 through 34 all the claims in the Patent.

That a NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S) IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b) ("NOTICE") mailed October 18, 1999, was received.

That Applicant has elected Option II of the NOTICE and has filed herewith a SUPPLEMENTAL REISSUE DECLARATION UNDER 36 CFR 1.175 having attached thereto Claims 1-34 of the Patent and new Claims 35-55.

That the error in omitting the claims was due to an oversight on the part of the undersigned.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays

That the enclosed SUPPLEMENTAL REISSUE DECLARATION UNDER 36 CFR 1.175 and attachment thereto be admitted into the above application and the later filing date be given to the above-identified application, and

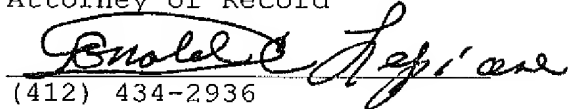
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That such other relief as is deemed right and proper be rendered that justice may be served in this cause.

Please charge the cost of filing this PETITION, One Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$130.00), or such other amount as is appropriate, to our Deposit Account 16-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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